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SUBJ: PORTUGUESE CONCERN OVER ANGOLAN DEVELOPMENTS

1. SYG WALDHEIM CALLED AMB SCHAUFLE MARCH 19 TO DISCUSS PORTUGUESE PERMREP SIMAO'S VISIT TO HIM PREVIOUS DAY. ACCORDING TO WALDHEIM, SIMAO TOLD HIM THAT SITUATION IN ANGOLA IS DETERIORATING RAPIDLY AND PORTUGUESE FEAR "ANOTHER CONGO." THREE RIVAL POLITICAL FACTIONS EACH RECEIVING ARMS FROM DIFFERENT SOURCES, AND LIKELIHOOD IS GREAT THAT VIOLENCE WILL RESULT. SIMAO ASKED WALDHEIM TO CONSIDER POSSIBILITY DISPATCHING UN MISSION OR "SOMEONE" TO ANGOLA TO HELP CALM SITUATION. WALDHEIM SAID THAT HE WAS UNAWARE OF HOW MANY PORTUGUESE TROOPS REMAINED IN ANGOLA AT PRESENT TIME, ADDING THAT HE DID NOT INQUIRE CONCERNING THIS DURING HIS MEETING WITH SIMAO.

2. COMMENT: IN ORDER TO BE IN POSITION TO ADVISE WALDHEIM, AS HE HAS REQUESTED, WE REQUIRE EVALUATION OF SITUATION BY DEPT AND ADDRESSEE POSTS, AS APPROPRIATE. LATER USYGURQHART INFORMED AMB SCHAUFLE THAT HE HAD DEFINITE IMPRESSION PORTUGUESE DID NOT WANT TO BE PLACED IN POSITION OF MAINTAINING INTERNAL SECURITY IN THIS SITUATION. SCHAUFLE

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